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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this Application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 remain pending in the present Application. No new matter is added.

By way of summary, the Official Action presents the following issues: Claims 1-4 and 6-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Campion et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,201,917, hereinafter Campion) in view of Ishikawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,895,515, hereinafter Ishikawa) and Aikawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,694, hereinafter Aikawa); Claims 5 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Campion in